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#### VIA E-FILING AND U.S. MAIL

Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

Re:

Application of Alpine Utilities, Incorporated ("Alpine") for Adjustment of Rates and Charges for

the Provision of Sewer Service and Establishment of Additional Rates and Charges

Docket No.: 2008-190-S

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Attached are Revised Exhibits CLS-1, CLS-2 and CLS-4 to Ms. Seale's Settlement testimony. During the hearing held on September 25, 2008, ORS requested the opportunity to file a late filed exhibit to reflect the addition of those rate case expenses incurred through the date of the hearing and verified by ORS, in conformance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement. The addition of the rate case expenses incurred and verified by ORS, however, do not alter or change the agreed monthly retail rates set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

Additionally, there is a scrivener's error on page 4 at Paragraph 4 of the Settlement Agreement. The figure \$329,244 should be \$329, 224 as reflected in the testimony and exhibits of Ms. Christina L. Seale. I have contacted counsel for the parties to the Settlement Agreement and they have acknowledged that the correct figure is \$329, 224

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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# Alpine Utilities, Inc. Docket No. 2008-190-S Operating Experience and Operating Margin For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2007

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	•	Application Per Books	8	ORS's Propose Accounti & Pro for djustme	ed ing ma		After ORS's Proposed Accounting & Pro forma Adjustments		Settleme Propose Increas	ed	After Settlement Proposed Increase
Operating Revenues											
Sewer Service - Residential	\$	124,200	\$	756	(A)	\$	124,956	\$	35,442	(V) \$	160,398
Sewer Service - Commercial		1,164,906		32,112	(B)		1,197,018		292,371	(W)	1,489,389
Adjustments		(4,187)		339	(C)		(3,848)		0	(X)	(3,848)
Late Charges		5,694		0			5,694		1,411	(Y)	7,105
Vacancies		(7,890)		7,890	(D)		0		0	(Z)	0
Miscellaneous Income	-	0	***************************************	2,141	(E)		2,141	-	0		2,141
Total Operating Revenues	\$_	1,282,723	\$	43,238		\$.	1,325,961	\$_	329,224	. \$_	1,655,185
Operating Expenses											
Power Purchased for Pumping	\$	72,002	S	(2,208)	(F)	\$	69,794	\$	0	\$	69,794
Treatment and Disposal	,	771,550		186,596)			584,954	•	0	•	584,954
Salaries and Benefits		273,961	,	(66,466)	٠,		207,495		0		207,495
Building and Equipment Rental		10,231		3.864	'n		14.095		0		14.095
Administrative Materials & Supplies		15,321		(5,953)	(j)		9.368		0		9.368
Contractual Services		94,958	(	(44,585)			50,373		0		50,373
Insurance		15,091		(3,725)			11,366		Ó		11,366
Miscellaneous		11,833		(5,855)			5,978		0		5,978
Depreciation		26,935		(4,716)			22,219		ō		22,219
Rate Case		16,925		23,386			40,311		-	(AA)	40,311
Taxes Other Than Income		45,041	(	(12,438)			32,603		2,442		35,045
Income Taxes (State and Federal)	-	0		92,190			92,190		126,333		218,523
Total Operating Expenses	\$_	1,353,848	\$ <u>(2</u>	213,102)		\$	1,140,746	\$_	128,775	_ \$_	1,269,521
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$	(71,125)	\$ 2	256,340		\$	185,215	\$	200,449	\$	385,664
Add: Customer Growth	\$	0	\$	283	(R)	\$	283	\$	306	(AD) \$	589
Add: Miscellaneous Income		11,814		(11,814)		•	0	•	0	· / •	0
Add: Tap Fees		24,241		(24,241)	٠,		ō		ō		Ö
Less: Interest Expense	_	16,550		1,784			18,334	_	Ō	··· .	18,334
Total Income (Loss) for Return	\$_	(51,620)	\$ <u></u> 2	218,784	•	\$	167,164	\$_	200,755	<b>\$</b>	367,919
Operating Margin	=	-4.02%				=	12.61%	:		=	22.23%

#### Alpine Utilities, Inc. Docket No. 2008-190-S Explanation of Adjustments For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2007

			For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2007		
	enues and enses	Adj.#	Description	\$ Settlement	\$ Application
ORS	's Proposed Accou	nting	and Pro forma Adjustments		
(A)	Sewer Service - Residential	1	To adjust residential sewer revenues to reflect actual customer units.	756	0_
(B)	Sewer Service - Commercial	2	To adjust commercial sewer revenues to reflect actual customer units,	32,112	0
(C)	Adjustments	3	To correct Adjustments to reflect actual test year amounts.	339	0
(D)	Vacancies	4	To remove revenues associated with vacancies recorded by the utility in the test year.	7,890	0_
(E)	Miscellaneous Income	5	To reclassify as miscellaneous income in total operating revenues.	2,141	0
(F)	Power Purchased for Pumping	6	ORS does not propose to adjust fuel costs for estimated increases.	0	3,600
		7	To remove electric bills paid for Woodland's customers.	(2,208)	0
			Total Power Purchased for Pumping Adjustment	(2,208)	3,600
(G)	(G) Treatment and Disposal		ORS does not propose to adjust materials & supplies costs for estimated increases.	0	17,126
			To remove nonrecurring lease payments of the old belt press. Alpine purchased a new one which is included in plant-in-service.	(138,000)	(113,000)
		10	To remove and capitalize plant-in-service expenditures expensed in the test year.	(32,719)	0
		11	To remove expenses for services received outside the test year.	(15,722)	0
		12	To remove Alpine's affiliates' portion of the shared security system expense.	(155)	0
			Total Treatment and Disposal Adjustment	(186,596)	(95,874)
(H)	Salaries and Benefits	13	To adjust salaries to reflect Alpine's allocated portion of merit bonuses and salaries for current employees.	(69,682)	(30,213)
		14	To adjust employee benefits to reflect Alpine's allocated portion of employee benefits for current employees.	3,216	4,476
			Total Salaries and Benefits Adjustment	(66,466)	(25,737)
(1)	Building and Equipment Rental	15	To adjust office rent for an increase in space and to remove Alpine's affiliates' portion of rent for the shared office.	4,525	202
		16	To remove nonallowable expenses and to remove Alpine's affiliates' portion of rent for the shared equipment.	(661)	0
			Total Building and Equipment Rental Adjustment	3,864	202
(J)	Administrative Materials & Supplies	17 s	To remove and capitalize office furniture expenditures expensed in the test year.	(624)	0

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Reve Expe	nues and	Adj.#	Description	\$ Settlement	\$ Application
ORS	's Proposed Accour	nting :	and Pro forma Adjustments (Continued)		
(J) Administrative Materials & Supplies (Continued)		18	To remove nonallowable expenses and Alpine's affiliates' portion of shared office expenses.	(5,329)	0
			Total Administrative Materials & Supplies Adjustment	(5,953)	0
(K)	Contractual Services	19	To reclassify rate case expenses, remove non-regulatory legal expenses and amortize non-recurring legal expenses over a five-year period.	(44,585)	00
(L)	Insurance	20	To adjust insurance associated with the vehicles on the depreciation schedule and to remove Alpine's affiliates' portion of insurance covering shared items.	(3,725)	0
(M)	Miscellaneous	21	To remove nonallowable and nonrecurring expenses and Alpine's affiliates' portion of shared miscellaneous expenses.	(5,855)	0
(N)	Depreciation	22	To adjust depreciation on all plant in service which includes capital expenditures, replaced assets and CIAC identified by ORS.	(4,716)	5,624
(O)	Rate Case	23	To amortize rate case expenses, including expenses reclassified from Adjustment 19, of \$120,932 over a three-year period.	23,386	00
(P)	Income 25 To adjust the		To adjust payroll taxes associated with the adjusted salaries.	(6,527)	(6,296)
			To adjust the gross receipts taxes associated with the revenues after ORS's accounting and pro forma adjustments.	(3,938)	0
		26	To adjust property taxes associated with vehicles on the depreciation schedule and to remove Alpine's affiliates' portion of property taxes on the shared assets.	(1,973)	0
			Total Taxes Other Than Income Adjustment	(12,438)	(6,296)
(Q)	Income Taxes (State and Federal)	27	To adjust income taxes associated with ORS's accounting and pro forma adjustments.	92,190	8,228
(R)	Customer Growth	28	To calculate customer growth using net income after ORS's accounting and pro forma adjustments.	283	0
(S)	Miscellaneous Income	29	To remove miscellaneous revenues and reclassify \$2,141 to operating revenues in Adjustment 5.	(11,814)	(11,814)
(T)	Tap Fees	30	To remove tap fees from revenues and include in CIAC.	(24,241)	(24,241)
(U)	Interest Expense	31	To synchronize interest expense with the Company's assets.	1,784	(8,275)
Settl	ement Proposed Inc	rease	2		
(V)	Sewer Service - Residential	32	To adjust the applicant's residential sewer revenues to reflect actual customer units.	35,442	138,216
(W)	Sewer Service - Commercial	33	To adjust the applicant's commercial sewer revenues to reflect actual customer units.	292,371	1,233,873
(X)	Adjustments	34	ORS does not propose an adjustment using the proposed rate increase.	0	4,187

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Revenues and Expenses Adj.#		Description	\$ Settlement	\$ Application	
Settlement Proposed I			Outdenson	Application	
(Y) Late Charges	35	To adjust late charges to reflect the actual test year customers using the proposed rate increase.	1,411	(5,694)	
(Z) Vacancies	36	ORS proposes its adjustment above in Adjustment 4.	0	7,890	
(AA) Rate Case	37	ORS proposes its adjustment above in Adjustment 23.	0	16,408	
(AB) Taxes Other Than Income	1 .38	To adjust gross receipts taxes associated with the applicant's proposed rate increase.	2,442	0	
(AC) Income Taxes (State & Federal)	39	To adjust income taxes associated with the applicant's proposed rate increase.	126,333	539,021	
(AD) Customer Growth	40	To adjust customer growth associated with the applicant's proposed increase.	306	0	

## Alpine Utilities, Inc. Docket No. 2008-190-S Computation of Income Taxes For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2007

	an	r Accounting d Pro forma djustments	After Settlement Proposed Increase		
Total Operating Revenues	\$	1,325,961	\$	1,655,185	
Less: Operating Expenses		(1,048,556)		(1,050,998)	
Less: Interest Expense		(18,334)	***************************************	(18,334)	
State Taxable Income		259,071		585,853	
Less: State Income Taxes @ 5%		(12,954)	***************************************	(29,293)	
Federal Taxable Income		246,117		556,560	
Federal Income Taxes:  1st \$50,000 @ 15%  Next \$25,000 @ 25%  Next \$25,000 @ 34%  Next \$235,000 @ 39%  Remaining Balance @ 34%  Total Federal Income Taxes  Total State and Federal Income Taxes	-	7,500 6,250 8,500 56,986 0 79,236	nellmanyolinghan	7,500 6,250 8,500 91,650 75,330 189,230	
Less: Income Taxes after ORS's Proposed Accounting and Pro Forma Adjustments		<i>02</i> ,100	***************************************	(92,190)	
ORS's Income Taxes (State and Federal) Adjustment	\$	92,190	\$	126,333	